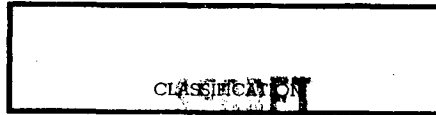


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SPECIFIC Traces on Dr. Otto Schulmeister

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1. In compliance with your request contained in paragraph 3 of Reference, there follow below Headquarters traces on Dr. Otto Schulmeister.

2. An ODOPAL report, dated 25 May 1948, contains the following biographical information on Subject:

a. Born 1 April 1916 at Vienna, Austria; residing (1948) at Vienna 18, Waehringerstr. 153/7; married to Hedwig nee REISEL, three children. Subject's father, Otto SCHULMEISTER, born 20 June 1886 in Vienna, Amts-Director in Vienna, lived with Subject. Previous addresses were given as Vienna 17, Mueg-laendergasse 8 and Hernals Hauptstrasse 14/33.

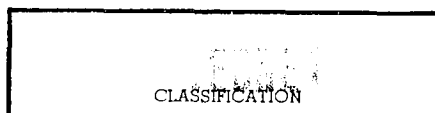
b. Subject was an illegal member of the Hitler Youth from 1934 until 1936 and was ejected. He was a member of the Bund Neuland from 1936 until 1938. He received his doctor of political science degree from the University of Vienna in March 1941. From April 1941 until March 1942, he was a correspondent for Europa Cable at Amsterdam. In April 1942 he entered the German Army (Persian Korps) and was transferred to the propaganda group of the Persian Korps on the Russian front. He later served in the Balkans and in Sicily. He was stationed in Athens, Tripoli and Belgrade. He was captured by the British in Carinthia in May of 1945 and was in PW camps at Kellerberg and St. Martin, near Villach. He returned to Vienna in March 1946.

c. Subject was employed by ^{x Pub.} "Die Presse" and he also published two monthly Catholic magazines: "Wort und Wahrheit" and "Orbis Catholicus", printed by the Verlag Herder, Vienna I. Co-editor

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(Coordinating officer)

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of these two magazines was Otto Mauer. Subject is said to be a staunch Catholic with contacts in the Vatican.

3. Other Headquarters files indicate the following:

a. In January 1945, Subject was named as a member of the sub-committee on press and radio of the Provisional Austrian National Committee.

b. In November 1947, Subject was proposed for operational use in the Granolite project as Granolite/10. No further details are given in the Granolite file, or elsewhere, concerning Subject and his use in the project.

c. In December 1949, Subject was referred to as a leading functionary of the Catholic Action.

d. In March 1950, Subject was recorded as a top-level source of Grossbahn through CC-2 who supplied information on political affairs and the Catholic Action. At the time CC-2 was terminated in January 1953, he stated that Subject may have surmised CC-2's ONYX intelligence connection.

e. In July 1950, Subject was depicted as having influenced Fritz Molden in the watering down of an editorial in "Die Presse" against attempts on the part of the Austrian Papal Nuncio toward unification and centralization of the Austrian Catholic Action.

f. Subject is noted to be intimately acquainted with Dr. Otto Mauer, General Secretary of the Catholic Action in Austria, and to be in contact with [] (sic).

g. On 28 September 1955, Subject was a member of a seven-man delegation of Austrian journalists which left for Moscow at the invitation of the Soviet Society for Cultural Relations.

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BRANCH CHIEF COMMENT: We are attempting to dig deeper into Subject's connections with CC-2 and GROSSHEARN and will forward this information separately. Unfortunately it is not believed that any information beyond paragraph 3 b, above, is available on Subject's connections with the GRANOLITE Project.

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